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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for February 9, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were, First Selectman, Mary Glassman and Board members, Moira Wertheimer, Robert Hensley, John Hampton, Michael Long and Richard Hogan.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### PUBLIC AUDIENCE

The First Selectman requested public audience. Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive addressed the Board of Selectmen with various concerns.

Robert Kalechman addressed the Board of Selectmen with various concerns.

Jackson Eno, 119 Westledge, spoke in favor of the Simsbury Main Street Partnership.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING RECEIPT OF 2009 CIRMA RISK MANAGEMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mrs. Glassman announced that the Town had received a CIRMA 2009 Risk Management Achievement Award.

#### FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS-IMPACT OF GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET ON TOWN OF SIMSBURY

Mrs. Glassman reviewed the impact of the Governor's proposed budget on the Town of Simsbury. Mrs. Glassman also reviewed the status of the Town's

proposed operating budget. Mrs. Glassman also reviewed potential impact of the Governor's proposed bond rescission. Representative Schofield also provided a description of the impact of the Governor's proposed budget on the Town.

## PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation by Department of Public Safety Personnel Regarding plans for State Police Firing Range located at 100 Nod Road in Simsbury

The First Selectman introduced the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut- Department of Public Safety. The First Selectman noted that the Commissioner and additional staff from the Department of Public Safety and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Works, were invited to provide an update regarding the State's Plans for the State Police Firing Range on Nod Brook Road. The Commissioner and related staff reviewed the State's Plans for the facility. The Board requested the process allow for public input.

- b) Presentation by Board of Education Regarding FY 2010-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (See Attached)

The First Selectman introduced the Chairman of the Board of Education, Jack Sennott, Superintendent of Schools, Diane Ullman and David Holden, the Board of Education Business Manager. The First Selectman noted that the Board is in receipt of the Board of Education proposed six year Capital Improvement Plan. The First Selectman asked that the projects requested by the Board of Education be presented and reviewed. Chairman Sennott reviewed the proposed capital projects. Additional detail was requested regarding the proposed capital projects. It was noted that this detail would be provided.

- c) Presentation by Director of Public Works of Department of Public Works Snow Removal & Ice Control Operations and Policies (See Attached)

The First Selectman introduced Director of Public Works, Thomas Roy, to discuss the Department of Public Works Snow Removal & Ice Control Operations and Policies. Mr. Roy provided an overview of these policies and procedures. First Selectman Glassman noted that the Town is considering some changes to the Snow Removal & Ice Control Operations and Policies in an effort to achieve cost savings. It was noted that these policies and procedures are available on-line at [www.simsbury-ct.gov](http://www.simsbury-ct.gov)

## ACTION ITEMS

- a) Review, discuss and possibly approve minutes of the following meetings:

January 12, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2009 Budget Workshop Minutes  
January 31, 2009 Budget Workshop Minutes

Mr. Hogan made motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2009 Special Meeting; January 26, 2009 Regular Meeting; January 28, 2009 Budget Workshop and January 31, 2009 Budget Workshop. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Review, discuss and possibly schedule a public hearing to receive public comment regarding a proposed interagency non-emergency agreement with the Towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Hartford, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks.

John Hampton made motion to hold a public hearing on Monday February 23, 2009, at the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting, to receive public comment regarding a proposed interagency non-emergency agreement. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Review, discuss and possibly approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,450 for the Department of Social Services to be reimbursed by grant funds in the same amount as awarded by the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services.

Mr. Hogan made motion to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,450 for the Department of Social Services to be reimbursed by grant funds in the amount of \$8,450 as awarded by the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the First Selectman to execute an extension of a lease agreement with the State of Connecticut for land located at the southeast corner of Hopmeadow Street and Tariffville Road (Rt. 10 & Rt. 315).

Mr. Hogan made motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute an extension of a lease agreement with the State of Connecticut for land located at the southeast corner of Hopmeadow Street and Tariffville Road (Rt. 10 & Rt. 315). Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the Town's participation in the EPA New England's Community Energy Challenge and to commit to becoming an EPA Energy Star Partner as requested by the Clean Energy Task Force.

Mr. Long made motion to authorize the Town's participation in the EPA New England's Community Energy Challenge and to commit to becoming an EPA Energy Star Partner with no cost to the Town. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Review, discuss and possibly approve a request by the Chamber of Commerce to use the Iron Horse Boulevard Commuter Parking Lots for the Chamber of Commerce Home Improvement Show on September 12, 2009.

Mr. Long made motion to approve the use of Iron Horse Boulevard Commuter Parking Lots for the Chamber of Commerce Home Improvement Show on September 12, 2009. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Review, discuss and possibly approve Tax Refunds as recommended and requested by the Tax Collector.

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$65,611.00 as recommended the requested by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hampton made motion for a brief recess at 8:45 p.m. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Glassman called the meeting back to order at 9 p.m.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Review, discuss and possibly accept the resignation of John P. Pasquenza from the Board of the Simsbury Housing Authority

Discussion regarding the proposed CNR Budget ensued. First Selectman Glassman noted that the Finance Director was making copies and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to take up the resignation of John P. Pasquenza from the Board of the Simsbury Housing Authority. Rich Hogan made the motion to amend the agenda and made a motion to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded and the agenda was amended and the resignation was accepted.

Review, discuss and possibly take action regarding the following and refer same to the Board of Finance:

The Finance Director provided worksheets outlining proposed changes to the operating budgets as discussed. First Selectman Glassman noted that the budget as presented reflects voluntary concessions from non-union staff in

the amount of approximately \$80,000. First Selectman Glassman also noted that voluntary discussions have been occurring with the unions regarding potential concessions.

First Selectman Glassman noted additional reductions to the proposed operating budget. Selectman Hogan asked about the Land Use Commission Consultant Funding. It was noted that the budget as proposed reflects \$40,000 for Land Use Consultants. Mr. Long noted his concern regarding the Visiting Nurses Association Budget. Mr. Long noted that the Board should consider increasing this appropriation. Mr. Long noted that the budget approved by the Police Commission included a reduction that is not reflected in the budget presented to the Board of Selectmen. The amount of the reduction is \$120,000. There was additional discussion regarding the proposed operating budget.

Selectman Long made a motion to add \$3,000 to the VNA Budget. Deputy First Selectman Hampton seconded the motion. Selectman Hensley recused himself from the discussion. All were in favor of the motion and the motion was adopted.

Additional discussion ensued. \$10,000 was added back to purchase a mower and \$20,000 was added back to purchase a police vehicle. \$120,000 was reduced from the Police Department Budget as recommended by the Police Commission. The Finance Director noted that after accounting for the \$120,000 reduction and adding back \$10,000 for the mower and \$20,000 for the police vehicle, the proposed operating budget would be a decrease of 1.43%. It was reported that the new proposed operating budget would be \$18,069,927 which equates to a reduction of \$262,682 over the current year operating budget.

a) Proposed FY 10 Board of Selectmen Operating Budget

Selectman Hogan made a motion to approve a FY 10 operating budget of \$18,069,927 which represents a 1.43% (\$262,682) decrease in spending over the FY 09 budget. John Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was adopted.

b) Special Revenue Funds

-Sewer Use Fund

Selectman Hogan made a motion to approve the Sewer Use Fund Budget as presented. Selectman Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was adopted.

-Animal Control & Residential Rental Properties.

Selectman Hogan made a motion to approve the Animal Control Budget and Residential Rental Properties Budget as presented. Selectman Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was adopted.

-Simsbury Farms

Selectman Hampton made a motion to approve the Simsbury Farms Budget as presented. Selectman Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was adopted.

c) Capital Non-Recurring Expenditures

It was noted that the Capital Non-Recurring Expenditures Budget was approved in the amount of \$365,000.

d) Proposed Six Year Capital Improvement Plan-FY 2010-2015

No action was taken regarding the proposed Six Year Capital Improvement Plan.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Personnel
- b) Finance
- c) Welfare
- d) Public Safety

LIAISON REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Selectmen adjourned to executive session at 9:55 p.m. to discuss the following: (Brandon Robertson, Director of Administrative Services, was also present in executive session).

Pending Claim/Litigation

Update on Eno Farms Litigation

Tax Appeals

Amy R. Lynch-The Town of Simsbury HHB-CV-08-4017762-S (RTX)  
Francis J. Sponzo-The Town of Simsbury HHB-CV-08-4017763(RTX)

Richard Hogan made a motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:57 p.m. Moira Wertheimer seconded the motion and the executive session was adjourned. John Hampton made a motion to approve the settlements recommended by the Town Attorney and the Assessor regarding the two above referenced tax appeal cases. Mike Long seconded the motion and requested confirmation that the Town Attorney and Assessor recommended settlement in the Sponzo matter. It was confirmed that the Town Attorney and Assessor do recommend the settlement as proposed. All were in favor of the settlements as proposed and the motion was adopted.

John Hampton made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of receiving an update on the Eno Farms Litigation. Mike Long seconded the motion. Mary A. Glassman excused herself from the discussion and left the room. The Board of Selectmen then adjourned to executive session. Brandon Robertson, Director of Administrative Services, was also present in executive session.

Robert Hensley made a motion to adjourn from executive session at 10:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Moira Wertheimer. All were in favor and the executive session was adjourned.

Mike Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Richard Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Glassman